UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Memorandum

TO: All FMC Employees

DATE: November 30, 2010

FROM:

Information Security Officer

SUBJECT:

WikiLeaks - Mishandling of Classified Information

In response to the recent disclosure by WikiLeaks of classified information, the Office of

Management and Budget has issued a memorandum to all federal agencies with the following

admonition:

"Our national defense requires that sensitive information be maintained in confidence to protect our citizens, our democratic institutions, and our homeland. Protecting information critical to our nation's security is the responsibility of each individual who is granted access to

critical to our nation's security is the responsibility of each individual who is granted access to classified information. Any unauthorized disclosure of classified information is a violation of our

law and compromises our national security."1

In an effort to prevent any Commission employees from intentionally or unintentionally

accessing classified information from the WikiLeaks website, and pursuant to guidance from the

Information Security Oversight Office of the National Archives and Records Administration,

access to the website has been blocked by the Commission. Employees are reminded to abide by

all Commission rules and regulations concerning the safeguarding, transmittal and receipt of

classified information.

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¹ Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-11-06 (Nov. 28, 2010).